

What is claimed is:

1. A computer implemented method of analyzing a signal comprising:
  - 5 inputting the signal;
  - extracting a collection of Intrinsic Mode Functions from the signal via Empirical Mode Decomposition;
  - normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Functions; and
  - transforming the normalized Intrinsic Mode Functions with a
  - 10 Hilbert Transform.
2. The computer implemented method as in claim 1, further comprising:
  - analyzing the normalized Hilbert Transform to determine
  - 15 Instantaneous Frequency.
3. The computer implemented method as in claim 1, said step of normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Function including:
  - identifying local maximum values in one of the Intrinsic
  - 20 Mode Functions;
  - constructing an envelope signal from the identified local maximum values;
  - dividing the Intrinsic Mode Function by the envelope signal; and
  - 25 repeating the above steps for all of the Intrinsic Mode Functions.
4. The computer method as in claim 3, wherein constructing the envelop of the signal includes:
  - 30 connecting all the local maximum values with a cubic spline curve.
5. The computer method as in claim 1, further comprising:

calculating an error index according to the following equation:

$E(t) = [\text{abs} (\text{Hilbert Transform} (y(t))) - 1]^2$ , wherein  $y(t)$  is the normalized Intrinsic Mode Function.

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6. The computer implemented method as in claim 1, said step of normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Function including:

transforming one of the Intrinsic Mode Functions with a Hilbert Transform;

10 dividing the Intrinsic Mode Function by the Hilbert Transform; and

repeating the above steps for all the Intrinsic Mode Functions.

15 7. A computer implemented method of analyzing a signal comprising:

inputting the signal;

extracting a collection of Intrinsic Mode Functions from the signal via Empirical Mode Decomposition;

20 normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Functions; and

transforming the normalized Intrinsic Mode Functions with a Hilbert Transform;

calculating an error index according to the following equation:

25  $E(t) = [\text{abs} (\text{Hilbert Transform} (y(t))) - 1]^2$ , wherein  $y(t)$  is the normalized Intrinsic Mode Function.

8. The computer implemented method as in claim 7, further comprising:

30 analyzing the normalized Hilbert Transform to determine Instantaneous Frequency.

9. The computer implemented method as in claim 7, said step of

normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Function including:

identifying local maximum values in one of the Intrinsic Mode Functions;

constructing an envelope signal from the identified local  
5 maximum values;

dividing the Intrinsic Mode Function by the envelope signal; and

repeating the above steps for all of the Intrinsic Mode Functions.

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10. The computer method as in claim 9, wherein constructing the envelop of the signal includes:

connecting all the local maximum values with a cubic spline curve.

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11. The computer implemented method as in claim 7, said step of normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Function including:

transforming one of the Intrinsic Mode Functions with a Hilbert Transform;

20 dividing the Intrinsic Mode Function by the Hilbert Transform; and

repeating the above steps for all the Intrinsic Mode Functions.

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